

**BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.**
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW601 SW SECOND AVENUE, #1900
PORTLAND, OREGON 97204TEL: 503.425.6800
FAX: 503.425.6801
www.bannerwitcoff.com**FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET****RECEIVED**
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**JUL 17 2006****To:**
Examiner M. Miggins**FROM:**
Byron S. Kuzara**COMPANY:**
U.S.P.T.O.**DATE:**
July 17, 2006**FAX NUMBER:**
571-273-8300**TOTAL NO. OF PAGES:**
3**RE:**
U.S. Serial No. 10/767,404**OUR REFERENCE No.:**
005127.00280*If you do not receive all page(s) or have any problems receiving this transmission, please call:***NAME:** Lesa Wolman**PHONE:** 503-425-6800**COMMENTS:**

IMPORTANT/CONFIDENTIAL: This message is intended only for the use of the individual or entity to whom it is addressed. This message contains information from the law firm of BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD. which may be privileged, confidential or exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, retention, archiving, or copying of the communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately at our telephone number listed above. We will be happy to arrange for the return of this message to our offices at no cost to you.

CHICAGO

WASHINGTON, D.C.

BOSTON

PORTLAND,
OR

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 17 2006

Certificate Of Transmission

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at telephone number (571) 273-8300 on July 17, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Byron S. Kuzara
Registration Number 51,255
Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of)	
)	Art Unit: 1772
Frederick J, DOJAN, et al.)	
)	Examiner: Miggins, M.
Serial Number 10/767,404)	
)	Attorney Reference: 005127.00280
Filed: January 28, 2004)	
)	
For: FLUID-FILLED BLADDER WITH A)	
REINFORCING STRUCTURE)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirements mailed June 28, 2006, the Applicants elect Group 1 (claims 1-25 and 41-46), which are drawn to a component, without traverse. The Applicants also elect the species associated with Figures 1-11, without traverse, and submit that each of claims 1-7, 9-24, and 41-46 read on the species of Figures 1-11. Accordingly, the Applicants withdraw claims 8 and 25-40 from consideration.

This Response is being timely filed by facsimile transmission on July 17, 2006. Should fees be deemed necessary for consideration of this Response, such fees are hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 19-0733 for payment. If

anything further is desirable to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned representative at (503) 425-6800.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Byron S. Kuzara
Registration Number 51,255

Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.
1001 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001-4597
Telephone: (202) 824-3000

Dated: July 17, 2006